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Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner Department of Education 23 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0023

Dear Commissioner Gendron,

The status of the reorganization for the following existing SAU's is unchanged since these combined SAU's fail to meet the 1200 student minimum as prescribed by current law and therefore have not been approved as an RSU. The Bridgewater School Board and I await direction from you as to our next possible steps in the consolidation process. The 2008-2009 budget development has also ground to a halt as we wait for the final GPA subsidy figures from the legislature. Also, with the potential loss of this years June subsidy payment, the predictability of the current year carry over becomes a real challenge. It is my hope that the legislature will resolve both the issues of consolidation and budget soon so that we can move forward on our obligations with clear information.

Sincerely

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